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More laughter than sparks at debate

BRYN WEESE
Staff Reporter

The eager, albeit smallish crowd that attended the all-candidates meeting this past Wednesday night in Haliburton received an earful of refreshingly respectful politics, even if at times the meeting seemed a bit dull.

Taking place at the Northern Arts Pavilion, the meeting followed a popular format of questions from the floor, answered in turn by each candidate. Unlike the four national debates that took place among the party leaders throughout this election campaign, the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock candidates were respectful of one another, with Conservative Barry Devolin and Liberal Greg Walling even sharing a laugh or two.

From the candidates' perspective, the purpose of the meeting, introducing themselves to the voters in Haliburton County as well as highlighting their ties to the area, was made clear at the outset.

In her opening remarks, NDP candidate Anne MacDermid reminded voters that, since the age of six, she has spent her summers in the county at a nearby cottage. Walling, too, told the attendees that his great aunt was from Wilberforce and that the Wallings who gave their name to a road and field were also related. Devolin, who lives literally just up the street, also mentioned early on in his opening remarks that his roots are deep in Haliburton. Green Party candidate Andy Harjula, Finnish by birth, eagerly informed those in attendance that, while working for the Ministry of Natural Resources as a forester, he applied to work here. He has also spent much time visiting a family cottage in the county.

As was to be expected, Wednesday's meeting was not full of facts and figures or dollars and cents. In fact, it was a full

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DARREN LUM/Echo

As two of the three men hoping to become the riding's next member of parliament, Conservative incumbent Barry Devolin and Liberal candidate Greg Walling share a laugh over NDP candidate Anne MacDermid's comment that there would be more women in the House of Commons if more women had wives.

Friends of Frost Centre looking for commitment

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It's a classic Catch-22.

Groups and governments don't want to commit to the Friends of the Frost Centre's bid to take over management of the Frost Centre until they find out whether the Friends are successful in proving to the province that they have a feasible proposal.

The Friends worry that without commitments from groups and governments they will be hindered in their ability to show that they can put forth a financially viable option.

"We're playing the chicken and egg game," says Napier Simpson, one of the Friends volunteers who is pulling together a proposal before the January 24 deadline. "Everyone is sitting on the fence."

Fellow committee member Max Radiff says "Everyone is saying 'Yea, we want it so you guys go for it' and that poses some real problems for us. We need cash."

Not only do the Friends need commitments from groups willing to use the centre's facility but, to be successful in their bid, they need to find the money to replace all the equipment and furnishings that were removed when the province shut down the former Ministry of Natural Resources outdoor education centre in July of 2004. They also need some up-front operating funds to tide them through until the centre breaks even.

One million dollars is only a very rough estimate of how much it would take to launch their plan.

"We don't have the resources to carry this all by ourselves at this point," says Simpson. "But the bottom line is I remain optimistic we have a proposal that meets the Ontario Realty Corporation's requirements and that with a lot of help from other people we can pull this off.

"Somewhere out there there's a sponsor or a white knight."

Originally, the Friends had hoped to

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Quick response prevents drowning

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The quick response of guests and staff at the Wigamog Inn helped to prevent a man from drowning in the resort's pool on Monday morning.

A 69-year-old man was in the pool with friends when he became submerged and couldn't make it to the surface of the water. He didn't know how to swim.

One of his friends saw him on the bottom of the pool and called out. A couple who was swimming in the pool dove under and pulled him up. Wigamog staff members pulled him onto the deck.

The staff, who are trained in emergency first aid, were able to ascertain he was breathing and did not have to perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

"He came to quickly on his own," says the Lake Kashagawigamog resort's general manager, Dale Bull.

The couple who pulled the man to safety told Bull that they were amazed

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here, there & everywhere
news and events worth noting

There was incorrect information in last week's story about the Kai Shin Karate Club results in a recent tournament. Rob Moore won fourth in sparring. Johnathan Hagarty won second in kata and second in sparring while his nephew Paydon Miscio won fourth place in sparring.

4th Line Theatre's 2006 summer season offers unique professional opportunities for experienced non-equity actors. Shane Peacock's *The Art of Silent Killing* has female characters who are 80 and 25 and male characters who are 80 and in their 20s. To be considered for an audition please send resumé and headshot by Friday, January 27 to Robert Winslow, Artistic Director, 4th Line Theatre, Old Millbrook School, 1 Dufferin Street, Millbrook, ON L0A 1G0, fax 705-932-3347, e-mail 4thline@nexicom.net. Visit www.4thlinetheatre.on.ca. Auditions to be held in Millbrook and Toronto. . Absolutely no phone calls please.

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False 911 calls still high

Officers from the Bancroft OPP detachment had a quieter weekend than usual responding to 23 calls for assistance or investigation. Two reports of vehicles colliding with deer were investigated. In addition, officers responded to eight false alarms or false 911 calls which accounted for more than one third of the calls for service on the weekend. There were no alarm or "911" calls that were an actual emergency.

Break-ins continue

On Saturday, January 14, officers were called to a forced entry to a seasonal residence on Samawasa Drive in Highlands East. The premises was ransacked with a large quantity of items removed including snowmobile suits and helmets. Also stolen was a 2005 red Skidoo 500 with Ontario Registration 945939.

Seasonal residents are reminded never to leave off road vehicles, motorcycles, ATVs, Sea-doos or other motorized vehicles or watercraft at the cottage for any length of time. These items should be towed back to more secure storage.

Cans of gasoline, and outdoor gear and clothing are also prime targets as well as power tools, sporting clothes and equipment.

Anyone with any information on any of these occurrences, or any other crime are encouraged to call Bancroft OPP at (613) 332-2112 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-222-8477. In addition information can be left for police on the Baptiste Lake Cottage Association web page at www.baptistelake.org/1opp.asp

If you have a special wedding anniversary this year, bring your wedding photo to the Echo office by Wednesday at 5 p.m. to have it included in next week's wedding feature

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Sir Sandford Fleming College students (from left) Kathryn Nelder, Rob Wright, Jordan Vervaeke and Andy Pomorski take a break from putting up the boards to the public ice rink at the basketball courts at Head Lake Park on Sunday afternoon. Graham Moore, who also contributed to the building of the rink, was absent.

DARREN LUM/Echo

Haliburton gets outdoor rink thanks to Fleming students

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Imagine kids breathing clouds of vapour during a passionate game of shinny under a cold night sky. It's the kind of scene you would expect in a winter town such as this, particularly for a community that has given rise to former NHL stars like Bernie Nicholls and Ron Stackhouse.

That's why the absence of outdoor rinks in Haliburton is often a source of puzzlement for newcomers, which may help explain the recent efforts of three Fleming College students – Jordan Vervaeke, Rob Wright, and Graham Moore.

It was during an informal poker game that these eco-tourism students decided to make outdoor hockey a reality for the community.

"We were shocked there was no outdoor rinks for the kids of Haliburton," says Rob Wright, a 31-year-old native of North Bay. "There are so many NHL players from this town. The arena has murals of NHL success stories but there are no outdoor rinks."

The boys promptly began asking locals on how to best go about the venture. They began by distributing flyers around town, hoping to garner enough community support to convince municipal council it was a worthwhile endeavour. They also solicited donations and backing from some of the business community.

However, their first attempt in council chambers was denied. The boys were asking to put the rink in the Haliburton baseball diamond but council deemed it a conflict of interest because of events at the curling club.

After the initial disappointment, they then decided to circumvent township bureaucracy and build a rink on the Fleming College parking lot. The idea had the blessing of the school, lots of parking, and a large flat surface. The boys say it was then that council said the tennis courts by Head Lake were available.

"Initially, I don't think they thought we would go through with it," says Moore, 21, a native of Bracebridge who up until now only had experience creating lake rinks. "When [the township] saw it was happening at the school property, I think they figured out it would be better to have it in town rather than at the college."

Having it in town would also make it more accessible for younger kids. The tennis courts were so large that it could hold two rinks: one for general skating and one for hockey.

But after removing about a quarter of the court's snow, the township decided it was concerned about damaging the newly paved courts and asked the boys to make a smaller rink on the adjacent basketball court.

"This way, we're not going to do any damage to the tennis court," says Moore. "It would have been a lot of shovelling to have it at the tennis courts."

"It's smaller but still has lights and it's perfectly flat," says 22-year-old Vervaeke, who comes from just outside of Hamilton.

The boys say several businesses have been instrumental in lending their weight to the outdoor rink. For example, Emmerson Lumber has provided wood so the rink can have boards while Sharpley's Sports has said it will sell brand new nets at a discounted price. Key financial donations have also been made by Jug City, HCDC, IGA, Home Hardware, McKeck's, the Butcher Block and Deli, and Perfect Prints.

Derek Little, a teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, was so supportive of the project that he got his students to help shovel and set up the rink's perimeter.

The fire department will do the initial flooding and possibly give the rink a weekly maintenance watering. CRS Rentals has also promised to supply a fire pump the boys can dip into the river should they need to do a flooding themselves.

It's hoped that the community will take responsibility for removing snow from the ice.

"I think the biggest thing is that after every skate we make sure people shovel it off," says Vervaeke. "Hopefully, if people use it they'll have the decency to pass a shovel around it."

Weather permitting, the boys hope to have the rink up and running sometime this week. Those interested in helping out with the rink should send an email to

Be careful where you park

Dysart will remove vehicles that interfere with snowplows

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al says it will no longer tolerate cars parked on its roads during snow removal.

Local officials, who used to indulge those who blocked snowplows, are taking a tougher stance and now say they will have vehicles towed without warning.

"I think over the last few years the law hasn't been enforced as strenuously as it should be," says Brian Nicholson, roads superintendent. "We're trying to cover the roads more efficiently, so we're going to administer the Highway Traffic Act, which says you cannot interfere with the removal of snow."

Owners will not be ticketed by the municipality but will be responsible for the considerable costs pertaining to towing and storage.

The more authoritarian tone from the roads department arises from its frustration over having to maneuver past illegally parked vehicles, resulting both in time delays and a job not fully completed.

"This will help the road crews get around the territory quicker and more efficiently," says Nicholson about the stricter enforcement.

It also avoids the possibility of a snowplow accidentally sliding on ice and hitting a parked vehicle, a scenario in which the municipality would be liable. Nicholson says people would be surprised to know how easily those large trucks can slide on the ice.

Nicholson also says there is a problem especially with vehicles using dead-end turnarounds as a parking lot, making it difficult for the large snowplows to come back out.

"These big trucks have to maneuver to come back out," explains Nicholson. "We had a truck last week that took over 15 minutes to wiggle his way around in there. That's not fair to anyone downstream that's waiting on the plow and it's not fair to the plow operator."

Nicholson says some people use the municipal roads as storage space for trailers during the winter. Others, he says, try to avoid hiring a snowplowing contractor because it's more convenient to park on already paved road.

"Well, now it's going to be expensive to park on the road way," says Nicholson.

The roads department has about 10 vehicles in operation at any given time. It typically takes about eight hours to clear the roadways after a snowfall, with the following day reserved for sanding.

Snowmobiler injures shoulder in Sunday afternoon accident

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by the quick response of both the staff and the emergency services.

She treated the couple to lunch as an expression of her gratitude.

The man was taken to Haliburton Hospital where he is reported to be fine.

Meanwhile, Dysart et al firefighters also responded to a rescue call at Haliburton Forest on Sunday afternoon. A man was thrown off his snowmobile and hurt his shoulder on a chunk of frozen snow. The accident took place several kilometres in the bush. In –20° weather, the firefighters transported him by rescue sled to the waiting ambulance.

Cottage Life pulls out of investing millions in Frost

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Friends of the Frost Centre are neither worried nor buoyed by *Cottage Life's* decision to pull out of the Frost Centre bidding process.

"They weren't competition for us because we have two totally different approaches," says Friends member Max Radiff. "As soon as we saw the request for expressions of interest we knew it wasn't in their ballgame because they wanted to own the property. I didn't see how they could fit what they wanted to do [with the leasing proposal.]"

Fellow Friend Napier Simpson agrees. Although the Friends and *Cottage Life* share the same values and want to see the Frost Centre's natural environment protected and celebrated, their goals are different. "We don't want to own the land; we think it's well kept in public hands."

Al Zikovitz, the owner of *Cottage Life* and *Explore* magazines, was willing to make a $10- to $15-million investment in the Frost Centre. His dream was to build a self-sustaining eco-lodge that would attract high-end visitors who wanted to explore and learn about the natural environment.

There'd be no grass, just natural vegetation. The lighting would be low-impact so the night sky's beauty wouldn't be over-shadowed. Trails would meander through the silent woods.

"I want to say to cottagers and everyone – 'You can do this without screwing everything up. You don't have to ruin things to have a wonderful place,'" Zikovitz says of the motivation behind pursuing the new business venture.

In conjunction with the eco-lodge, which would be built in a knoll of a hill overlooking St. Nora's Lake, the business would have used the other buildings for such things as a culinary school (uses organic ingredients) , an eco-tourism program and less expensive accommodation.

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> **Publisher AL ZIKOVITZ**

As an example of his ideal eco-lodge clients he describes a couple who would come to the resort for a few weekends in the off season to take courses: the man would build a cedar-strip canoe while the woman would take the cooking courses.

"You could attract people from all over the world. People who are concerned about our environment are willing to pay money to enjoy it without screwing it.... What we have here is phenomenal."

He had already approached Fleming College and George Brown College about potential partnerships. The older, institutional-type buildings already on the property could be used as classrooms and dorms.

"It seemed to work for everyone: the province, because it was good for the environment; the municipality, because of the tax base; and the community," he says.

Although Zikovitz had first thought of buying the property from the province, he was willing to accept the province's offer of a long-term lease. However, this was contingent upon getting control of a narrow strip of land along the shoreline. Without it, he couldn't make his plan work.

"The difficulty is once you get beyond the 39 acres [offered for lease by the province] you have no control.

"You can't have people pay $400 a night and have [the waterfront property] open for all the public to come in. We had to control our property. I made that clear right at the very beginning with everyone I talked to."

Zikovitz stresses that the 24,000 hectare Frost Centre property would remain totally accessible to the public but he didn't want canoe groups or cottagers to be able to use the shoreline area that guests would be using. He says he probably needed another 10 acres, and exclusive rights to that land, to make a match between his idea and the Frost Centre property: He's not giving up on his dream but will start looking for another destination.

Noting that the existing buildings were built in the 1950s and will require a lot of capital investment, Zikovitz wonders who will be able to make the Frost Centre work.

"I haven't heard one idea that I think is feasible and sustainable. If the government props it up I think it will work but I don't think it would work on its own."

However, he says he will continue to support the Frost Centre in whatever way he can.

Evening with David Suzuki raises money for Friends' Frost bid

Dr. David Suzuki is adding his support to the Friends of the Frost Centre's bid to manage the property.

The Friends are thrilled that a man of his renown – and clout – has agreed to donate his time and considerable talents to their effort to re-open the Frost Centre as a place where the public can go to learn about the environment.

Suzuki has agreed to give a talk in Toronto on Thursday, February 9.

His impassioned presentation is called Environmental Stewardship: Forging the Future for the Frost Centre. He will focus on the importance of places such as the Frost Centre for our survival.

Joining him to provide musical entertainment will be David Archibald, who has released a CD of songs about the Frost Centre, and singer Lani Bilard, best known for her role as Bizzy Ramone on Global TV's Ready or Not.

All of the proceeds will go to the Friends.

The evening takes place at the Macleod Auditorium, Medical Sciences Building at the University of Toronto, 1 King's College Circle. Tickets are $35 per person and $25 for students. Tickets can be mailed to you or picked up at the door on the night of the event. The ticket cost is tax-deductible. Go to www.uoftix.ca.

If you can't attend, the Friends invite you to sponsor a student attendee or make a donation by contacting Ann at 416-593-0915, ext. 244 or e-mailing obiesowner@yahoo.com.

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Haliburton County is worried about the consequences of an official plan amendment proposed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, which it says will unnecessarily impede development.

County disagrees with province's request for extra planning step

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County officials are hoping that a dispute with the province over its official plan will soon be resolved.

Councillors and local planners feel that a modification to the county's official plan, as proposed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, adds unnecessary restrictions to development.

Specifically, the modification would significantly impede the application process for development along highly sensitive lake trout lakes (sometimes referred to as lakes at capacity).

As it stands now, the general tone of the county's official plan recognizes the importance of highly sensitive lake trout lakes but deems it the responsibility of lower-tier municipalities to have policies that address them. Most of the lower-tier official plans – with the exception of Algonquin Highlands – require developers to have an environmental lake trout habitat impact assessment that is approved by the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Natural Resources. If approved, developers can proceed in the application process, which eventually will require the county's stamp of approval for new lots.

If the proposed modifications go through, an amendment to the county's official plan would be required each time a developer makes a successful application. In the case of Algonquin Highlands, which had its environmental impact assessment clause overturned by the province, there would be two official plan amendments required.

Councillors and municipal planners feel the modification is unnecessary and just causes more bureaucratic hoops for applicants to jump through.

"If you had to ask someone to do an official plan amendment, what else is that providing a person?" says Pat Martin, planner for Dysart et al. "It's not providing any additional value to the review process. It's just adding expense to the development process without actually adding anything concrete to it."

The two sides met to explain their positions at last week's county council meeting along with planners from all the lower-tier municipalities. Although no agreement was reached, there does seem to be reason for optimism.

"There seemed to be a willingness and an understanding on the part of the ministry at the end of the meeting," says Jane Tousaw, county planner.

Vincent Fabiilli, a regional director with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, says he will take the feedback he received from the county and present it to government stakeholders.

There are at least a of couple present examples in which developers want to renovate older resorts in place of lower volume, lower usage lots that would actually improve the development's effect on highly sensitive lake trout lakes. Warden Murray Fearrey thinks more bureaucratic headaches will discourage such initiatives and wants the county's official plan to be able to deal with such scenarios.

"When we're taking pressure off a lake, we should be rewarded not penalized," says Fearrey.

Cardiff school may get 20 childcare spaces

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the January 10 meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. The briefs were provided by the board.

The Best Start program, funded by the federal and provincial governments, is intended to create child-care spaces on existing school properties, either within the school through renovations or through capital expansions to school buildings.

Throughout the fall, TLDSB staff attended a number of meetings with district community partners and school boards. An initial transition plan has been completed and approved by the Ministry of Child and Youth Services.

Proposed within this plan is approximately $150,000 for Cardiff Elementary school to create at least 20 child care spaces within the existing school as well as a playground to accommodate young children. Some funds in this plan are also allocated to Muskoka Beechgrove Public School.

An implementation plan is currently being developed for the second phase of this project and will be submitted before the end of January. Several other TLDSB schools may benefit from allocations proposed within this plan.

Student Success

Program superintendent Dale Robinson and Anne Cooper, student success administrator, presented an overview of the Student Success Program. Robinson and Cooper presented information on a four pillar approach for students at risk: student success teachers and educational assistants, working committees, and diploma changes.

Inter-generational theatre

Elka Zilla, a drama teacher from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, shared an initiative that is being funded by the program enhancement fund. Character education theatre at the high school has increased inter-generational understanding and unity through collaboration, the sharing of experience, mentoring and workshops through drama, story telling, mask-making, dance, and field trips.

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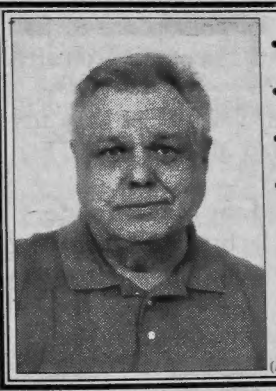

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echo **editorial**

martha perkins

IF UNDECIDED VOTERS attended Wednesday's all-candidates debate in Haliburton hoping to decide who deserves their vote, they probably had a tough time of it. For the first time in years, Haliburton County voters have been given the choice of four thoughtful, well-spoken and passionate candidates who would be committed to representing the people of this riding well. If you had to vote solely on the individual's strengths and merits, and not have to think about what you felt about their leaders, many hands would waver over which ballot box to check.

Candidates laughed at each other's jokes, sometimes nodded their heads in agreement at each other's comments, and actually tried to answer the questions that were posed to them. There was no baffle-gab, no political doublespeak. They presented themselves as real people with real ideas on how to make Canada a better place.

For those who have already made up their minds about who to vote for, the debate would have solidified their views. Four members of the *Echo's* editorial staff attended the debate. All came back with a different take on how the candidates fared based on what they thought of the candidates' parties. They heard what they wanted to hear.

By this time next week, we'll all know the results. The *Echo* plans to send its team down to Lindsay to be there when the results come in. We'll report the speeches, try to capture the mood at the various campaign offices and give readers a glimpse of how local voters have reacted to this glorious spree of campaign promises. (If only all these ideas had been expressed in the last session of Parliament.)

Many people think this election will be a watershed in Canadian politics. We're on the cusp of what might be tremendous change in social and fiscal policies. That's why it's more important than anything to shake off apathy, to believe in the system, to feel that your vote has the power to affect the way our government works. Vote on Monday. It will make a difference.

Being friends with the Frost

It's hard to know what's not to support about the Friends of the Frost Centre's bid to take over management of the 39 acres of buildings and land south of Dorset. This non-partisan volunteer organization basically wants the Frost Centre to continue with the vaunted and valuable programs that it offered before the provincial government shut it down in July of 2004. It wants us, as Ontarians, to have a place where we can learn how to properly manage and respect the natural resources we've been blessed with.

If another group – with deeper pockets – comes along and says it wants to offer the same thing, then the Friends would likely endorse that bid as well. But since no one knows if there will be a white knight riding to the Frost's rescue, this county should be extremely grateful that the Friends are willing to take on the gargantuan task of cobbling together a coalition of the willing. Who knows? They might have the only bid.

Even if they are the only ones brave enough to say they'll take on a task the government failed at, the province doesn't have to accept its offer. But if it would at least say it will give the Friends' bid serious consideration, that would give the Friends a stronger foundation on which to base future commitments.

The deadline for submissions is January 24. Everyone will be watching to see what unfolds.

Winter at Haliburton Lake *Photo by* DARREN LUM/ECHO

Something fishy this way comes

the not so great outdoorsman

steve galea

EVERY NOW AND THEN someone will try to dispel the myth that fishermen are prone to exaggeration. They'll go so far as to say that fishermen are decent, honest folk who rarely, if ever, lie and note that this bad reputation for honesty is in the past and quite probably a result of a few unscrupulous examples of the angling fraternity. Trust me, if anyone tries to tell you this, you can bet he's a fisherman.

Last Wednesday was a perfect example of the old stereotype in action. My buddy Bryn and I got up early and went ice fishing on a little walleye lake not too far from here. We were hoping to round up a few fish for dinner. Instead, all we got was soaked. Heavy rains were pouring down and the ice was covered in ankle-deep slush. Worse still, we weren't in a shack. For the first time in my life, I believe I was immersed in more water than the fish.

It didn't take more than three or four hours of teeth-chattering discomfort before we realized that maybe, since the fish weren't biting, this wasn't exactly the kind of recreational activity we had envisioned. Hey, we're not exactly stupid.

So, acknowledging defeat, we packed up our gear and swam back to shore. The total tally was one rock bass caught by yours truly.

But just as we got to shore we met some OPP officers who were curious about the ice and the angling action.

"How was the fishing?" one asked from the heated and dry comfort of the squad car.

Bryn stepped out in front and fielded the question. "Actually, the fishing was horrible. It was raining too hard and the fish weren't active at all. But I did manage to catch one little rock bass."

Before I could correct him, the cops drove off.

Now I can't blame Bryn for taking all the glory - most expert anglers would do it in a heartbeat. But that's the first time I've seen it done so blatantly and actually in front of the fellow whose fish was claimed. And Bryn perpetrated this lie to representatives of the Crown no less.

After they left, he looked at me sheepishly and said, "Sorry, I couldn't help it."

And I guess that is part of the angling sickness. Anglers need to exaggerate or even lie so other people won't think they're mentally unstable. Sad as it may seem, I could see Bryn's point. By saying that he caught a single rock bass, which we threw back by the way, his getting up before daylight, driving icy roads and stoic endurance of a sleet storm and quite possibly hypothermia was suddenly justified. I, on the other hand, was merely crazy. I'm sure a young and upcoming psychiatrist could make an entire career out of this study.

In any case, after that incident we went to lunch, warmed up, and since the day had cleared off, drove to another place to fish for lake trout. Bryn and I managed to catch one each.

Later that afternoon, we pulled into my driveway and unloaded all my gear. Then Bryn drove off.

My wife Carol greeted me at the door and asked about my day. I chuckled and then proceeded to tell her about Bryn and the rock bass.

"That's pathetic," she snickered.

"Yes it is," I replied.

"So what did you catch?" she asked.

"That rock bass and....two lake trout," I replied.

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Far from home

DESPITE HIS BEST EFFORTS, Carl was having a hard time falling asleep. He had on three sets of clothes and was wrapped in a sleeping blanket covered by a woollen shawl. Only his face was exposed to the cold night air. Yet his body could not settle into sleep because it seemed impossible to get warm.

Below him, the ocean's waves crashed ashore, the rhythmic thunder like a steady heart beat in the moonlit landscape. How ironic, he thought, to be in Mexico in January yet almost wishing he was back in Canada, in his own warm bed. Instead, the hammock in which he lay offered little comfort.

sharon lynch

down our road

This was where Carl had travelled to find not only brief respite from a northern climate but also to push against the boundaries of his own fear of the new, the unknown. But, for now, his life had been reduced to the basics. Like keeping warm. And sleep. What had seemed to be an escape to paradise only this morning, now felt more like an uncertain trap into which he had fallen.

He had heard about this place from a friend at work. It had been described as an out-of-the-way indigenous fishing village, somewhere he could live for very little while enjoying the sea, sand and life with few worries and even fewer obligations.

When he arrived this morning, Carl had been a little weak in the knees following a hair-raising bus ride along a curving, precipitous highway. It hugged the seaside of this Mexican province, plunging through thickly-treed forests only to open onto semi-desert stretches where the heat poured in like molasses through the bus' open windows. A special effort had been required to keep from throwing up as the bus had made it's way to the spot Carl had been instructed to get off.

When the vehicle disappeared down the dusty road, Carl did not regret its loss for a minute. He was on an adventure and eagerly awaited whatever lay ahead. Well, perhaps he could admit to just a hint of trepidation. After all, there was not a human in sight. Were it not for the scraps of garbage strewn about the ground, he would have felt alone in all the world. But knowing this was indeed where the next part of his trip was to begin, Carl looked about for the path his friend had described.

Sure enough, a slight parting of the bushes and indentation in the packed ground indicated a footpath leading away from the highway. Hoisting his enormous backpack farther onto his shoulders, Carl began walking down the embankment. After only a few minutes, the vegetation thinned enough to reveal a scattering of shacks and a goat tied to a stake. Children playing with sticks looked up with only mild curiosity as he passed. "Olla," they called. He returned their greeting and kept walking.

More buildings appeared and gradually the landscape changed, opening up to more space and sandier soil. Then he caught a glimpse of the blue Pacific Ocean and knew he had almost reached his destination. But the heat was incredible as he trudged over the sandy ground. Sweat stung his eyes as he suddenly realized how long it had been since he had had a drink of cool water. He was now following another path worn up the side of a daunting cliff.

At the top were the palapas, simple shelters with open sides and roofs made of palm fronds lashed to poles. It was here his friend had told him he would be able to find a place to camp, under a palapa. By the time Carl had made it, he was gasping for breath, his body completely drenched from the exertion. As he cast about for someone to approach, it crossed his mind that perhaps not being able to speak Spanish would be a problem.

Fortunately, the first person he saw was a tanned young man in his twenties with long dreadlocks and a big smile. With this fellow's assistance, it did not take long for Carl to get situated under one of the palapas, a week's accommodation having been paid to the family that rented them. A wooden chair and table were the only furnishings and Carl was advised by the tanned young man to keep his eye out for the hammock seller, who usually appeared on the beach late afternoon. The hammock was where Carl would sleep. Sleeping on the ground was not a good idea. Not only was it bumpy and hard, but scorpions were a real danger in this part of the world.

The young man had been kind enough to share his dinner of beans, rice and bananas, cooked over a small burner. Carl promised to return the favour, perhaps the next day. He was advised to put on more clothing once the sun began to set. In this near-desert locale, the nights were cold, advised his new friend, offering an old shawl to the sceptical Carl.

Carl was no longer sceptical. He only wished he had more warm clothes. Maybe even a parka. Eventually fatigue won out over discomfort and Carl fell into a fitful sleep. He awoke several times in the unfamiliar surroundings, the ever-present waves sounding an alarm to his drowsy brain.

But in the morning, the sun slipped over the hills like a smile, its golden warmth spreading slowly across the landscape as the roosters began to welcome it. Carl shook himself out of the hammock and set out to find a bathroom. In the light of his first morning in this new place, he knew he would be fine.

pic *of the* **past**

We dropped by www.stanhope-museum.on.ca for this week's Pic of the Past and came across this photo in their files. Curator Carol Moffatt made us laugh when she wrote that she didn't know who this couple was, but she had a guess that it was the woman who was in charge. If you can identify them, visit the website and let the museum know.

letters **to the editor**

Let's be told healthcare costs

To the Editor:

Last week's *Echo* gave a good overview of the current medical situation. Personally, I feel we are very fortunate in Haliburton. We are also very fortunate to have our medical system in this country, and I believe people should stop belly-aching long enough to appreciate it once in a while. Talking to American friends and hearing their horror stories of medical insurance and hospital costs, I can assure you they all are interested in our "socialist" system - even if Bush isn't.

I wish the Ontario government would find some way to translate the average costs for some of the major operations and hospital care into dollars on a regular basis. My wife's mother had a stroke back in the 70s and when she died after 12 years in Riverdale Hospital, we got a brief note saying they were sorry for our loss, and a summary that showed how much her care had cost.

It might cost too much to send everyone a summary of what they had cheerful accepted in medical care once a year, but perhaps an annual summary of what operations and hospital stays average costs were could be provided in newspaper ads or posters for the doctors' offices.

Harvey Clarke Donald

Variety yes; all of the same no

To the Editor:

After reading the article and editorial by Martha Perkins regarding the changing business face on main street in Haliburton, several things come to mind, a few of which are:

1) It is said that variety is the spice of life. One dollar store may be appropriate, three may to too many.

2) We operate a bed and breakfast and occasionally have guests who attend the Fleming School of the Arts. They attend the school Monday through Friday. We have been told by our guests that when school is out for the day, they want to spend money on art supplies, fine clothing, souvenirs for their family and friends back home, and they want to have a good meal after a long day at a variety of restaurants throughout the week. It's difficult to shop when the stores are closed for the day. Why not consider opening at 10 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m. when people are off work?

3) One personal observation is that I believe that Haliburton could use a men's shop that sells stylish menswear. I do shop at local shops for certain things, but not dress clothing. There is a lovely store in Bloomfield (near Picton) called, "Gents" that is my idea of a menswear store that sells clothing which is stylish and reasonably priced, too.

See **Do something** *page 8*

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur

Expert offers a few driving tips

To the Editor:

Re: Neutral downhill? Uh, uh! Jan. 10, 2006 letter in the Echo

After reading letters to the editor for the past two weeks regarding safe winter driving I thought I would put my own two cents' worth in.

First of all let me say that I am glad to see that some people are taking an interest in safe driving and the education of others.

I have been a licensed driving instructor in Ontario since September 1983 and have operated my own driving school here in the Highlands for the last 10 years.

It is common practice in the driving school industry, and I have done so for the last 23 years, to teach students the benefits of shifting to neutral when trying to stop in an emergency or when experiencing difficulties stopping on ice and snow. This technique is useful for all cars or light duty trucks – I have no idea what's best for large trucks; that's not my specialty – whether they are equipped with anti-lock brakes or conventional brakes.

The reason for doing this is really quite simple. If you are driving an automatic transmission car, stop on a level surface in drive then release the brakes. What does it do? Usually the car will pull itself forward because, when in drive, there is always power going to the drive wheels. Now imagine yourself stopping in slippery road conditions and your wheels lock up. Your car will start to skid and you will not be able to steer until you release the brakes. As soon as you release the brakes, power goes to the drive wheels, again pushing your car forward with more force, increasing your braking distance. By shifting to neutral we disconnect the engine from the drive wheels.

If you drive a vehicle with anti-lock brakes you do not need to worry about skidding due to braking. The computer in your vehicle will sense lock-up and automatically release and then reapply the brakes, sometimes multiple times per second. If you are still in drive, this means power will again flow to the drive wheels, sometimes multiple times per second, increasing your overall braking distance.

Drivers should practise the neutral shift so that they do not have to take their eyes off the road. In most vehicles with a floor-mounted shifter, neutral can be selected by pushing the shifter from drive to neutral without using the button.

Most shifters are designed to stop in neutral. Column-mounted shifters can usually be shifted from drive to neutral, without fear of hitting reverse or park, by pushing the shifter lightly towards the front of the vehicle while moving the lever. I highly recommend trying this at a standstill to see if your vehicle is designed in this way.

Drivers of manual transmission cars can achieve the same results by simple depressing the clutch pedal.

When it comes to controlling a rear-wheel skid the main thing to remember is to LOOK WHERE YOU WANT TO GO and steer towards where you are looking.

Richard van Nood
The Driver's Edge Driver Training
Haliburton

What about seniors housing?

To the Editor:

Re: Senoir housing in Haliburton County.

Due to the freezing rain and driving conditions, I was unable to attend the all-candidates meeting in Haliburton last week. Instead, I used the computer to get informed.

From the website of Barry Devolin, under "senior housing", I learned that 442,000 seniors in Ontario struggle to afford adequate housing, and with many having to pay rent that is more than 30 per cent of their total "before-tax income"! With the large and ever growing population of seniors in Haliburton County, why are there no affordable complexes for the people who want to stay in this area of Ontario? Who is going to address this critical problem, and when? I am listening and watching all political candidates and their respective parties.

Get yourself informed! Vote on Monday January 23.

Sharon Lawrence
Gooderham

If only local candidates could lead parties

To the Editor:

I would like to congratulate all of the candidates who participated in this meeting. It was refreshing to see four members from different parties relate to each other in a respectful and mature manner. Perhaps if we elected all four and sent them to Ottawa, maybe their behaviour would help the national leaders conduct themselves in a more appropriate and mature manner.

Frank Thom
Haliburton

Do something to bring shoppers into town

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4) It amazes me that a beautiful and successful business such as the Cranberry Cottage is put up for sale with no takers. Why would not anyone want to carry on the tradition of a successful shop? The same thing happened a few years ago when Out of Time was up for sale. Nobody bought that successful business, either.

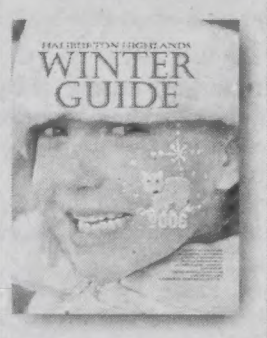
5) Rumour has it that the former Sears store will open as another barber shop. It this turns out to be true, will another barber shop in town pull them in from their cottages at Kennisis Lake?

6) Those ugly hydro poles on main street. Minden and Bancroft buried theirs, and cobblestoned their sidewalks. I'm sure it's very expensive, but it would make downtown much nicer.

7) We need more event or happenings in Haliburton and Minden. Visitors spend money.

8) The town of Madoc has a huge skateboard facility. It's made of concrete. This would be a great addition to the park that the kids could use, and have some competitions, which would bring people into Haliburton.

Paul Hicks
RR 1 Haliburton



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Registration forms are available at each location and must be returned to appropriate school by February 3, 2006.

Potential French Immersion students may register at their local school for JK or they may register for JK at the French Immersion School in their area. After March 31st, registration of out-of-area JK students at French Immersion schools will only be permitted if space is available.

Friends remain optimistic partners will be found

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put forward a joint submission with the Trillium Lakelands District Board of Education and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. The board has pulled out, saying it has neither the money nor the mandate. OFAH is no longer prepared to commit so early in the process.

Simpson's disappointed that both the county and the township of Algonquin Highlands are not willing to commit any money for the Friends' proposal. Politicians at both levels have told him that they won't get involved by supporting the Friends' bid or pledging financial support.

As an Algonquin Highlands ratepayer who fought the proposed airport expansion, Simpson questions why the municipality was willing to fund the airport and not the Frost.

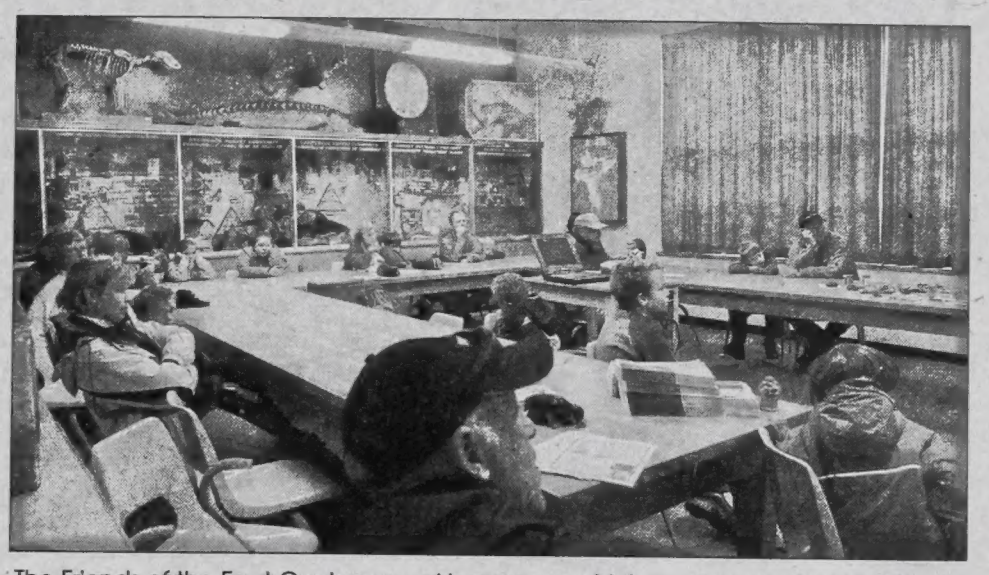
"I just don't think that Algonquin Highlands wants to get in the business of running the Frost Centre," Reeve Eleanor Harrison says. "We just don't have those kinds of resources."

County warden Murray Fearrey says "There isn't the will to spend local tax dollars in an organizational manner to keep it open."

Algonquin Highlands has already committed to taking over the management of the water trails that go through the Frost Centre lands. This summer will be the first time that fees will be charged and reservations taken. Harrison says, "We have our hands full with what we took on with water trails. We don't know if it will cover its expenses in the first year."

Algonquin Highlands also has responsibility for maintaining the boat launch and public docks on Hwy 35.

As to Simpson's comparison with the proposed airport expansion, she says that the township was raising its share of the cost by selling airport lands. Money for the Frost Centre would have to come from the general tax base.



The Friends of the Frost Centre are asking groups which used to use the Frost Centre if they'll commit to its future.

And, as a member of the Frost Centre Working Committee, which was formed by former management board chairman Gerry Phillips to come up with a management plan, Harrison says she does not want to interfere with the process. "I'd be turning my back on the committee and saying I have no faith in the government. As a member of the committee I have to let the process go forward.

"I want to see how it plays itself out."

But Simpson is worried that by then it might be too late.

If he allowed himself to be a cynic – and he's holding off on that right now – he could say that the government deliberately provided such a short timeframe for its "request for expressions of interest and submissions of qualifications" as a way of making sure the process failed.

The ORC says it is willing to lease the 39 acres of land and buildings "for the primary purpose of investing in, and operating environmental and outdoor educational programs."

If no public group can come up with a feasible plan to honour this mandate, will the ORC then re-issue the RFQ, only this time saying it was willing to sell the property?

"If we don't succeed or someone with similar aspirations doesn't succeed, it will be condos or the *Cottage Life* proposal," Simpson says. "I hope that there's not an agenda behind there that this [first bidding process] is designed to fail."

That's why he believes the county and Algonquin Highlands should be supporting the Friends' bid now.

Radiff believes that the huge public outcry that followed the province's decision to close the centre in July 2004 will discourage the province from being tempted to make money by selling the property.

"I think the process is designed to get some substantial responses so they can see it go in the direction people want it to go," says Radiff. "Maybe I'm a fool but I think the government really is interested in getting this going. This would be a feather in their cap. Two-thousand-and-seven is an election year and if they can host a re-opening as a public/private partnership this would look good on them. I have enough faith in their survival instinct to see this as a win for them."

Radiff says the Frost Centre also has a champion in Gerry Phillips. "I think Gerry Phillips really wants this to work and he's not a bad fellow to have on your side."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison believes that when all the RFQs are received, the working committee will be called into action again. "The committee has been told that it will be told what happens in the process."

If this process fails and the government does consider selling the Frost Centre, "I would like to think that the government would give us some kind of warning so that we, as members, could have another opportunity."

However, she also reminds people of the working group's final recommendation. They said that if the Frost Centre cannot be kept open as a place where all Ontarians can go to learn about and enjoy the province's natural resources then the buildings should be torn down and the land returned to nature.

Warden Murray Fearrey says that if the first round of RFQ fails, "could the committee sit down and say, 'We have a guy [Al Zikovitz of *Cottage Life* magazine] who wants to buy this; it's good for the environment, it's good for the economy, why can't we have a compromise?'"

But in the meantime, the Friends of the Frost Centre want their idea to work. They invite people to get involved with the process by joining the group and being part of the bid. People can call 488-2801 or 754-3436 or they can e-mail friendsofthefrostcentre@gmail.com.

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Candidates keep attacks to a minimum

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hour before one of the candidates mentioned specific policy proposals. And even then, sparked by a question about child poverty and provincial cutbacks for social assistance, it was Harjula who put forward his party's opposition to the Conservatives' announcement to cut the GST from seven per cent to six per cent and then again by another one per cent in five years. In his turn, Devolin defended his party's position.

Some questions from the floor were vague, allowing for general answers that often seemed even vaguer than the questions themselves. Take, for example, the one gentleman who asked whether the candidates agreed with a statement saying, in a nutshell, that the vulnerable need to be protected. All four candidates took their allotted two minutes to say, in a nutshell, yes the vulnerable should be protected.

Amidst the politically phrased and wordy responses from particularly MacDermid and Devolin, Walling began several answers with an honest admission of not knowing the answer, or not being able to speak for his party, or not being in a position to answer for lack of serving in the House of Commons as an MP.

"My commitment to you is to learn," he said. "I am going to listen and I am going to learn."

DARREN LUM/Echo

Anne MacDermid used humour and her background in theatre to illustrate her responses. She got several laugh from both the audience and her fellow candidates, including Andy Harjula of the Green Party, in backgound, throughout the evening. The two-hour debate was re-broadcast by Canoe FM last night.

The real star of Wednesday's meeting was the NDP's MacDermid whose answers were usually quick and to the point, while still being informative and in line with her party's policy. Although Devolin, who had the advantage of being the incumbent, was able to speak often about what he had done for the riding during his tenure as MP. Specifically, he mentioned his letter campaign to attract doctors to the area as well as his work in agriculture, such as the creation of a local non-partisan farm council and his initiative, the Canadian Food Strategy.

Walling's strong suit throughout the meeting was his ability to highlight his successes both in business – he is a co-founder of Star Choice satellite – and in

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Sponsorship scandal not even mentioned

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the community. Several times, Walling was presented with questions that allowed him to talk about his work with disadvantaged youth while enhancing the Boys and Girls Club in Lindsay and also his work with the Lindsay doctor recruitment committee and his tenure as chair of the Parks and Recreation committee.

Likewise, Walling's ability to talk about his very successful professional career was a hit with the audience. At 39, Walling was CEO and president of a $100 million company traded on Wall Street. As a financial restructuring expert, the proof of Walling's fiscal soundness was a big score in his favour.

Harjula's task was a difficult one. Not only are voters in Haliburton unfamiliar with him as a candidate, but also by his own admission, "I guess most of you probably haven't heard about the Green Party."

In addition to representing the least well-known party on the platform, Harjula was also seated next to MacDermid. His task for Wednesday evening was even more arduous given that he had to try to distinguish himself from his table partner, the NDP.

A few notable surprises presented themselves throughout the evening.

Both Devolin and Walling made what appeared to be deliberate attempts to find safe footing within their respective parties that made them least vulnerable to attacks.

Perhaps to avoid comments about the sponsorship scandal, which wasn't mentioned during the entire evening, Walling announced in his opening remarks, "I'm very non-partisan but I have liberal values." Later on in the evening, he noted that he has workers on his campaign of all political stripes, specifically referencing a worker who was previously a Conservative supporter.

Devolin too, took the time twice to remind voters that what initially attracted him to the conservative movement, first the Reform Party and more recently the current Conservative Party, was their view on electoral and democratic reform, making no mention to the social conservatism of either the Reform or Conservative parties.

"In the early 1990s, I got involved with the Reform Party in Canada," he said. "It was their electoral reform that attracted me." Later on in the evening, he reiterated, "the Reform Party had an incredibly rich platform of democratic reform policy."

Only one question put any one candidate on the defense all night.

The question addressed same-sex marriage, particularly what each candidates position was on the issue. There were no surprises in the candidates' answers. Devolin answered that he does support the traditional definition of marriage, to which one or two people applauded. Walling's answer was that the pain caused by reopening the legislation, denying same-sex couples their rights, is not worth it and that he supported same-sex marriage legislation.

MacDermid's answer was also a powerful one, "We need to move on from this," she said. "It is pushing other important issues off the agenda."

Harjula is also in favour of the legislation as it stands. "My party supports the legislation and so do I."

In such a respectful meeting, among such polite candidates, given the format, there were no "knock-out punches" thrown. There were stumbling blocks nonetheless.

If Devolin's was his defense of the traditional definition of marriage, if only for the seemingly Liberal/NDP crowd, Walling's was his announcement that he was not planning on being an MP for very long.

"I have no intention of being pushed into the party line," he said. "I'm going to challenge my party everyday, and then I'm going to come home. I want to spend time with my boys."

The most surprising element of Wednesday's meeting was the lack of reference to the sponsorship scandal, the RCMP investigation into the potential income trust announcement leak, or any of the other suspected dubious dealings of the current Liberals.

While the crowd appeared to be a Liberal/NDP one, even Devolin failed to mention the scandals. The questions maybe did not allow for it, but it was only in his closing remarks, in one sentence, that he brought up corruption.

"I think it's time to change the government because the Liberals have been there too long. They are out of touch, they are arrogant and they are corrupt," he said. "We need a change."

Considering the meeting was more an opportunity to introduce themselves to the electorate, rather than to debate actual intricate policy, it is not surprising that the scandals were not mentioned. Nor was Martin's promise to ban handguns, or to remove the notwithstanding clause. Likewise, the cost of the Conservative platform was also nowhere to be found on the agenda. Nor was the cost of the NDP's policies.

Former Prime Minister Kim Campbell said it best. Election time is no time to discuss real policy. Neither is an all candidates meet-and-greet in Haliburton.

Greg Walling highlighted his success in business and efforts with Boys and Girls Club.

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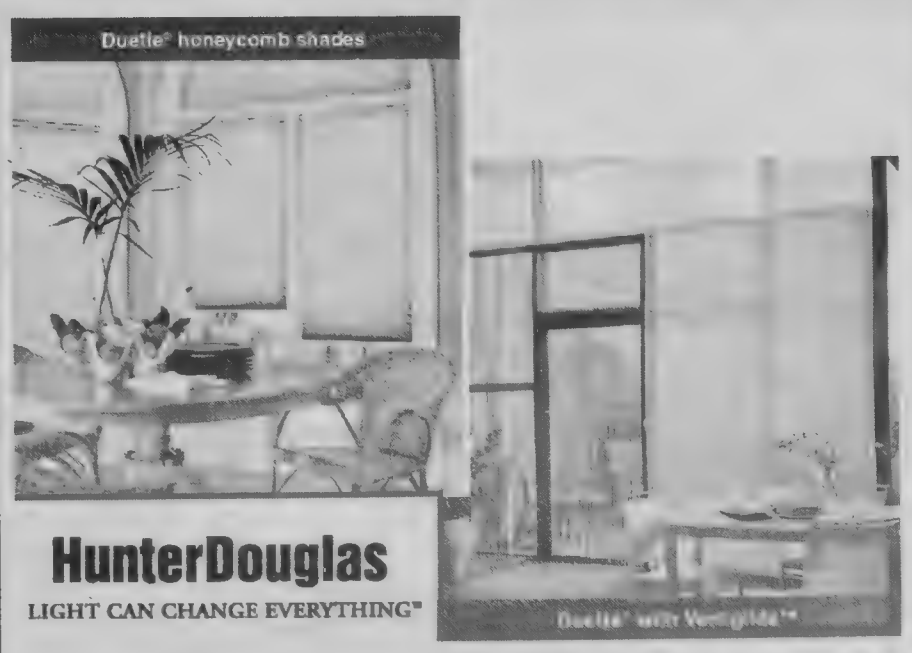

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The district plans a selection event at Glebe Park in Haliburton on Tuesday, January 24 starting at 11 am.. Teams of three male and three female skiers can be selected from the entrants to represent District 11, or one male and one female entrant can represent the District. All entrants to the selection event must pay a fee of $6 to the Ontario Senior Winter Games and sign a waiver form.

For detailed maps for how to get there, consult the website www.skihaliburton.ca. A senior is anyone 55 or older as of Dec. 31, 2006.

Dare to ski on Feb. 18

Community Living is holding its annual Fun Day at Sir Sam's Ski Area on Saturday, February 18.

Everyone is invited to take part in the downhill activities, both skiing and snowboarding. The association will also be having a number of other fun activities such as a silent auction, raffles and snowball-oons throughout the day.

The day is fundraising event for Community Living with the focus on bringing awareness to the function of the organization and the needs of the people it supports.

Registration is from 9 a.m. to noon with the timed event starting at 1 p.m. There area barbecue lunch and prizes for qualifying participants. For pledge sheets call 457-2626.

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Proud curlers Grenville Griffin, John Smillie, Dick Duchemin, and Shirley Rule show how a recent game ended with a perfect eight ender. Smillie secured the curlers' version of a holein one with his final shot.

Curlers celebrate a perfect eight ender

WENDY VERMEERSCH

Special to The Echo

On the first game of the first draw for 2006 members of the club witnessed a rare event on the ice. It is called an eight ender – when a team gets all eight rocks into the house. This would be similar to getting a hole in one in golf. Congratulations to the Phyllis Woodcock team consisting of Skip John Smillie (sparing for Phyllis), Vice Dick Duchemin, Second Grenville Griffin and Lead Shirley Rule.

The Haliburton Curling Club hosted the Four Town Senior Men's Bonspiel on Wed., January 4 with the winners being a team from Fenelon Falls skipped by Dave Lankin.

Second place went to a Haliburton team skipped by John Smillie with Vice Moe Ricketts, Second Peter Byers and Glen Smith as lead. Third-place team was skipped by John Hope of Bobcaygeon.

Fenelon Falls hosted a women's bonspiel on Sat., January 7 and Haliburton was represented by Skip Sandra Duchemin with Vice Marilyn Whittaker, Second Brigitte Bassie and Lead Luba Glachan. Although not winners they won the first game 12 – 2 and lost the second game. They reported that they had a super time.

The men's curling team representing Branch 129 Haliburton Legion won the District Curling Bonspiel in Port Perry on Sat., January 7. The members of the team are Skip Terry Roche, Vice Tom Harkness, Second Larry Holden and Lead Case Bassie. The club's best wishes go with them as they go on to the provincial finals in Port Perry later in January.

The Winter Draw has now begun at the club and all teams are in action. Several bonspiels are planned for the near future which will be reported on later as they take place One bonspiel that is being held Feb. 17 and 18 is for members of the club. It is a fundraiser called "Building the House". If you have not signed up for this event which promises to be a super two days please do so.

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Please forward curriculum vitae by January 23, 2006 to Dr. Fay Martin, Executive Director, Family Services of Haliburton County, P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0, fax 705-457-3492 or e-mail faym@familyserviceshaliburton.ca.

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Gone to the dogs

Big Fish Boys get thrown a bone in honour of Dog Sled Derby

BRYN WEESE
Staff Reporter

They love to run. Hank Debruin's dogsled team charges forward. (All photos in this feature are by Darren Lum.)

It had been a while since Steve Galea and I had dealt with Parsimonious Perkins together. With winter setting in, we thought we had dodged a number of bullets and put away our Big Fish costumes for another year.

But alas, all good things must come to an end.

"But why, oh great exalted one, why?" Steve asked as we emerged together in the doorway of Parsimonious' office. "Why must we do another assignment?"

"Steve, don't bother with the title," I told him. "We'll find out as soon as we get inside and talk with the chief."

His anxiety was understandable. It's never good to be called into Perkins' office and the day in question, only two short weeks ago, was no exception.

"I've thrown you to the dogs," she laughed maniacally. "The two of you … to the dogs!"

"We know that, Martha, but what's the assignment," I asked, only half-jokingly. Steve, on the other hand, looked slightly bewildered. "I have two dogs and I already go to them often," he said proudly and somewhat robotically.

"I don't think she meant your dogs, Steve." I said softly. "Unless … Did you mean his dogs, Chief?"

I turned my head towards her, but dared not look in her eyes

"Of course not!" she barked. "I've offered your services to Winterdance Dogsled Tours."

Steve and I quickly grew leery. After all, what services could we possibly offer? I mean, besides our obvious juvenile joke-telling prowess.

"Of course," Steve exclaimed. "Poop 'n scoop! She's contracted us out to pick up doggy doo-doo on their trails. The winter months must be slow, eh Perkins?"

Oddly, I was relieved at the suggestion until I saw Perkins' reaction.

"No," she said, "but that reminds me, I've got to call the Toronto Zoo for a future assignment. This time, you're going dog sledding. Now get outta here before I change my mind."

In an effort to promote the annual Dog Sled Derby in Haliburton on the weekend of January 20th, our assignment led us north of Fort Irwin. There, in the middle of a vast wilderness, Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready run Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

They own (or perhaps more fittingly love and live with) 114 purebred Siberian huskies, with which they offer all sorts of tour packages. Short two-hour loops, half-day tours traversing 50 kilometres of trail, dog sledding under the stars at night and even, by special request, proposals.

"We won't be needing one of those packages," Steve said. "Not that there is anything wrong with that."

"What? Same-sex marriage?" I asked, having no idea Steve had become so political.

"No, marriage of any kind. Bad for my ulcer," he said as he rubbed his stomach.

Back to the dogs. It was lucky for us both that we are dog lovers. Still, nerves set in as they always do and the excited jumping, barking and uncontrollable uri-

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From left, Bryn Weese and Steve Galea are shown by Fraser Newton how not to drive during the instructional portion of their day out with the dogs.

After years of enjoying speed with mechanical vehicles such as motorcycles, snowmobiles and cars, Hank Debruin says the "rush" from driving a dogsled is the best.

Hank Debruin and his team of dogs crest a small hill, leading Bryn Weese and Steve Galea.

Bryn raises his arms, celebrating the finish of his first experience driving a dogsled.

'As I quickly learned, my dogs' intelligence was much higher than my own'

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nating created an air of anxiety.

"Steve, stop it. I'm already nervous."

"Sorry," he muttered.

Winterdance guide Fraser Newton gave us a thorough rundown of the dos and don'ts of dog sledding. Though nothing could have prepared us fully.

"Whatever you do, remember to have fun," were his final words. I believe they also said that to the pilot of the Hindenburg. So little comfort in so few words. Did I mention I was nervous?

With our dogs secured, our feet firmly planted on the runners and our anchors lifted (yes, dog sleds have anchors), we were off with a quick push of the feet and a word: "HIKE!"

In the dog sledding jargon, there are only three words to remember. "Hike" gets the dogs underway from a standstill. "Easy" instructs the dogs to slow down and "Wow" instructs the dogs to stop.

Just my luck, all five of my dogs were deaf.

As I quickly learned, my dogs' intelligence, not collectively but individually, was much higher than my own.

As they say, "the dogs are taking you." And it is best to let them. They know the way, they know the trail, and they know the sport far better than Steve or I. They are in control and, in hindsight, we were better off for it.

From a standstill, I would say "Hike" but the dogs were already in motion. In fact, sometimes the dogs knew to start running before I yelled "Hike." Who knew huskies could see into the future? My dogs would sometimes start running before I was even thinking of going anywhere – specifically, when my back was turned and I was talking to Steve, and I had only one foot on my brake and one hand on my sled. (The dogs and I still laugh about that one.)

"Easy," the slow down command, also meant very little to my dogs. Not to imply that they didn't understand the command, nor to imply that they purposely disobeyed me. Rather, I believe my dogs thought I was joking when I said it the first time, and the second. Come to think of it, maybe I was joking all 468 times that I shouted the command "EASY!" in an unsuccessful attempt to slow down. Yes, I yelled it too often and my dogs grew tired of my

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'The dogs grew tired of my whining'

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whining, but to slow down even once would have been nice.

"Wow" seemed to work well, though. While the dogs, little balls of fury fire power that they are, may be reluctant to slow down because they so enjoy hauling a man of my stature around, stopping was something they could do. Largely, I think stopping worked so well because Hank, the guide was just ahead of me. When he stopped, we stopped. That is just the inevitable law of inertia. My lead dogs, Candy and Lady, would smash into Hank's legs and have nowhere else to go. (I'm still sorry, Hank.)

Behind me, Steve was making out grandly. In total command of his vessel,

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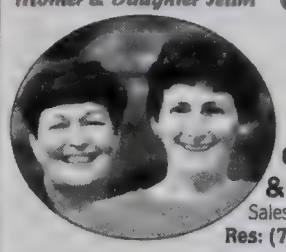
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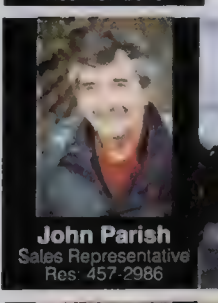
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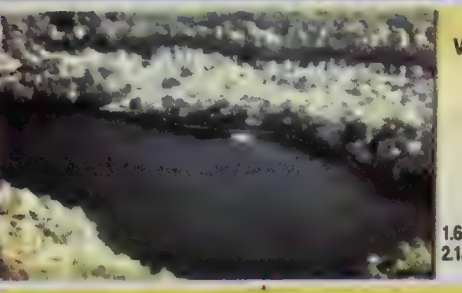
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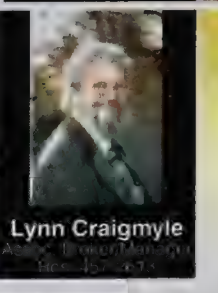
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'Despite what anyone says, going downhill means you go faster'

from page 15

Steve's dog sledding ability put me to shame. Though as I gladly point out now, his dogs did get twisted in their harnesses a few times.

"How are you doing, Steve?" I asked as if I were okay and ready with advice.

"Great, although I really want to learn how the dogs do it."

"Do what? Exert enormous energy in unison to pull dead weight behind them in a seamless display of raw power and natural beauty?"

"No, pee and poop while running."

"Don't bother, I've already tried. It's tougher than it looks."

As it turns out, going downhill is my Achilles heel as a "musher." Steve did fine, I did not.

The line goes slack, which is bad if only because your dogs can get tangled. Braking too hard also is problematic, since as Fraser pointed out before we began, it can act as a pivot point to turn the sled. Going downhill also threatens to career the sled into the dogs, an absolute no-no because the dogs then develop phobias about running in front of sleds.

Despite what anyone says, going downhill means you go faster. Having already given up on "Easy" to slow them down and having been warned about too much brake, speed, my nemesis, was inevitable.

In what I can only recall as a blurry haze of "easys," speed, fur, dog poop, braking and luck, I thankfully made it to the bottom.

After the last treacherous descent, a smooth, flat trail took us to base camp.

All limbs intact, all dogs accounted for, we arrived back to see yet another team of eager dogsledders setting out.

"How is it," a rider asked me as I dismounted my sled, no doubt to the relief of my dogs.

"Parsimonious doesn't know it, but it was a rush," I replied. "She thinks she got the better of us but she didn't. No way."

The puzzled look on the face of my fellow musher was understandable.

"You won't tell her, will you?"

And with that, another person was about to have the experience of a lifetime. Dog sledding in Haliburton County's hinterland was easily one of our most exciting adventurers as Big Fish Boys.

Back at the *Echo* office, the chief was fuming.

"Where's my story," Parsimonious yelled from behind her desk. "You went dog sledding hours ago."

"Uh...Uh..." I couldn't think fast enough as her eyes kept widening and my pay kept shrinking. Finally, after all those years of practice in school, I uttered the most appropriate words I have ever conjured.

"The dogs ate it!"

And she bought it hook, line and sinker.

The big money, weekend long Dog Sled Derby, organized in part by Hank and Tanya, is happening January 28 and 29 at the Delta Pinestone. It will attract scores of competitors from around the continent as well as viewers big and small, young and old, from the county and beyond. Winterdance Dogsled Tours can be reached at 457-5281.

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Smoke alarms needed on every level of house

The Highlands East Fire Department will soon be enforcing a recent amendment to the Ontario Fire Code that requires homes to have working smoke alarms on every level. This is in addition to the existing requirement of having smoke alarms outside all sleeping areas. The amendment applies to single family, semi-detached and town homes, whether owner-occupied or rented.

To increase awareness about the amendment and the importance of working smoke alarms, Highlands East Fire and Rescue will be launching Working Smoke Alarms: It's the Law, a provincial awareness campaign developed by the Office of the Fire Marshal. In addition to its focus on smoke alarm requirements and responsibilities, the campaign will educate the public about smoke alarm technology, installation and maintenance.

"This campaign is a welcome addition to our regular smoke alarm program," said Fire Chief Don Middleton. Our goal is to ensure every home in Highlands East has a working smoke alarm on every level and that residents know how to maintain them. No one needs to die in a fire and we will be doing everything we can to help you keep your home and your family safe."

Statistics from the Office of the Fire Marshal indicate that in about 50 per cent of fatal home fires that occurred in Ontario, the victims had no smoke alarm warning. For homeowners, tenants and individual landlords, non-compliance with the Fire Code smoke alarm requirements can result in a ticket of $235 or a fine of up to $25,000.

"There is no question that working smoke alarms save lives," says Bernard Moyle, Fire Marshal of Ontario. "This amendment was introduced to help make Ontario residents as safe as possible from fire. Homeowners, landlords and tenants all have a responsibility in ensuring compliance with the regulation."

For information about smoke alarm requirements, installation and maintenance, contact the Highlands East Fire Department at 448-2981.

Ask a Teacher website gives free homework help

If multiplying polynomials puts a puzzled look on your teen's face they should visit Ask a Teacher, a free service that helps students struggling with homework and test preparation.

Year-round between 5:30 and 9:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, the Independent Learning Centre's (ILC) Ask a Teacher service connects students in Grades 9 through 12 with Ontario certified teachers in online classrooms – for free. Using text and a virtual whiteboard, students receive one-on-one tutoring in all subjects, in real-time.

Instead of getting stressed out about the provincial Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics administered between January 5 and 25, students can log in to the service at www.ilc.org and get prepared.

Ron Francis, a high school teacher in Ottawa and Ask a Teacher tutor, attributes the program's success to two key factors. "The best part of it is the accessibility and the anonymity it affords students. Teachers try to get kids to come in for help at lunchtime or after school, but they don't want to be seen by their friends when they're getting help from a teacher," he said.

After the school bell rings, Ask a Teacher offers equal access to tutoring for high school students in Ontario. For families who can't afford a private tutor, and for parents who are unable to help, Ask a Teacher is there.

It's a valuable service that equalizes the opportunity for students to succeed by providing real-time help when they need it," said Sarah Irwin, managing director of ILC.

A new addition to the Ask a Teacher service is the Essay Feedback Tool, which allows Ontario high school students to upload their essays for evaluation from certified Ontario teachers. Essays are e-mailed back to students within 48 hours with helpful comments and suggestions, which they can use to polish their assignment before they hand it in.

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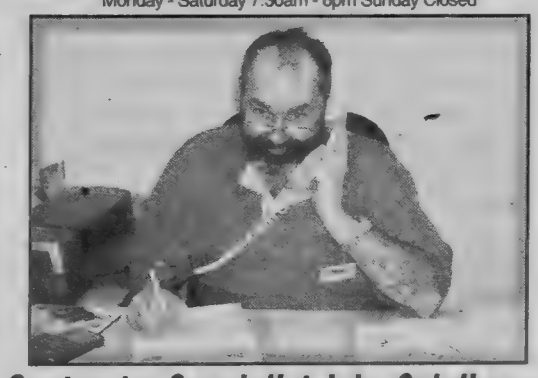

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Portrait of Ross Anderson

Photographer Fred Phipps took this portrait of Ross Anderson of Haliburton. Ross is well known because of his involvement in Community Living as well as his friendly, outgoing manner. Ross, who grew up in Tory Hill, loves to play guitar and bowl.

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CURRENT EVENTS

• **Now until March 3**: Ontario Early Years Haliburton is offering 8 Swim and Gym sessions for families with children 0-6 years at the Wigamog Inn. Splish, Splash, and Play! Families that play together stay fit together. Join us Friday mornings starting January 13 to Mar. 3 by registering at our Early Learning Centre 457-2989.

• **Jan. 17:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be holding its regularly scheduled December meeting due to the holidays. We wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our next meeting will be Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.

• **Jan. 18:** Parent-Child Kindergym – The Ontario Early Years Centre, in partnership with Haliburton Dance Arts, will be offering "Kindergym" for parents and their preschool children. 6 week session starting Wed., Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Physical Journeys, Main St., Minden. Instructor: Terri Mathews. Call the O.E.Y.C. at 286-1770 to register as spaces are limited. There is no cost, donations appreciated.

• **Jan. 19:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists join us for a presentation on "Wetlands" by Paul Heaven. Thurs., Jan. 19 at The Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m.

• **Jan. 19:** The use of Mythology in Writing, a workshop presented by Lea Harper and Fay Wilkinson, will be held in the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from 1 - 3 p.m. In this workshop, the group will explore myths' recurring patterns (plots) and discuss their enduring relevance in our lives and in our writing. This program is put on by the Writer in Residence Program at the cultural centre. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free of charge. For more information, call Pauline Johnson at 489-3878. Snow date will be Thursday, February 2.

• **Jan. 19:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-In Clinic. Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton – Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.

• **Jan. 20:** The Kawartha Marine Modellers will hold their next meeting on Fri., Jan. 20 at 8:00 p.m. at Henderson House in the Kawartha Settlers' Village, 85 Dunn St. in Bobcaygeon (by water tower). All interested in model ship building and radio control are invited to attend. For info call Dan at 738-1335 or Tony at 328-0526.

• **Jan. 21:** Creating Family Totem Poles – Children Art Workshop. Sat., Jan. 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Here is a fun workshop at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Each child will create a colourful totem pole of his or her family. We'll talk about symbols and how they are incorporated into art and view the present exhibition of works relating to Native American art. We'll then work as a group to create a giant totem pole. Call the gallery at 286-3763 for cost and to register.

ON GOING EVENTS

• **Thursdays are all about Babies** at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton. While babies sleep and play parents share the joys and wonder of parenting. If you have any question about your infants care, or growth and development the HKPR Health Unit offers a Well Baby Drop In on January 19th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further info., please call Stephanie at 457-2989.

• **Attention All Dads:** Have an adventure with your child this Saturday and Visit the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton. Fathers who drop by enjoy building castles in the construction zone creating masterpieces in the art room. We are open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting again on January 14th. Also, watch for more information on Family Literacy Day, celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 27th. For more information on our programming please call 457-2989.

• **Join Ontario Early Years Centre** in Haliburton for an exciting new parent child series. Cooking with Kids is a four-week program. Parents will leave with ideas to continue the learning at home. Please call Stephanie at 457-2989 for more info or to sign up.

• **Indoor walking** as a health promoting activity has begun again from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Walkers meet outside the custodian's office. No charge. For more info call Morris, 286-6079.

• **Ontario Early Years Centre** is offers Free Developmental Screening Clinics by appointment only. Held at the Centre (behind Sears). Call 286-1770 to register.

• **Now until May 29/06:** Adult Badminton – Mondays 8 to 10 p.m. Starting Sept. 19 to May 29, 2006 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship, and fitness. Phone 286-1765 for further info.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups** on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

New Beginnings evening was uplifting, inspirational

community news

ladies fellowship

Wendy Vermeersch

An uplifting and inspirational evening titled "New Beginnings" took place recently at the Ladies Fellowship gathering at the West Guilford Community Centre. Julie Goodwin welcomed 53 women with a prayer. She gave them information on how to find out if meetings would be cancelled in the future due to weather conditions. The Canoe FM station would be notified and then they would regularly broadcast it from 4 to 5:30 p.m. So if in doubt please listen to the radio.

Our feature speaker was Mary Gryciuk from Marty's of Haliburton. Mary gave some excellent healthy suggestions for the audience. She talked about the benefits of wild oregano oil for healing colds, flu, sinusitis, asthma and a variety of other illnesses. She said that even though organic foods are more expensive, they are better for you and taste better. She also spoke about acne, why we get it and how to cleanse our faces. She said that the biggest selling product at the store is Nutri-Flex, a natural remedy for arthritis and joint pain. She provided some door prizes won by Marlene Sanders, Norma Barnum, Donna Medland and Wendy Vermeersch.

The fantastic voice of Donna Lee Sisson from Minden entertained us with three songs: *Jesus Will Not Fail Us, Amazing Grace* and *I Will Serve Thee*. Donna is on the board of directors for the Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre. She is very active in Christian women's ministries speaking and training others.

The humorous talk with Ruth Carter from Carnarvon about New Beginnings finished off the evening with her bag of tricks – unfinished knit hat, journals not completed, her mother Clara's housecoat, etc. Ruth talked about never quite getting to finish her projects and spoke about her shyness. One thing she is certain about is her faith journey.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 2. The feature will be Carolyn Coburn, a lawyer who will speak about 'what you need to know if you suddenly find yourself alone'. Mary Ella Switzer from Maple Lake will be the soloist and the special speaker will be Joy Nickell.

Send us your special anniversary photo

If you have a special wedding anniversary coming up (25th, 50th, 60th, for example), why not send your photo to the *Echo* for this newspaper's annual wedding feature?

Photos must arrive at the Echo office by Wednesday Jan. 18 at 5 p.m. Please include the couple's name, wedding date and location of the marriage. Include your name and phone number. Please pick up the photos some time after the feature appears in the *Echo* next Tuesday.

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The family and friends of Ray Casey were saddened by his untimely death just before Christmas. Ray Gordon Casey passed away at the hospital in Bancroft on December 23, 2005, having just reached the age of 65. He had been ill for only a short time.

Ray was a long-time and faithful worker at the Wilberforce veneer factory until its closing a few years ago. No doubt he missed the regular employment there, and he was missed being seen walking between the family home on main street through the mill yard to work.

He is now greatly missed by his wife Lorraine, daughter Renee (Darryl), son Kenton (April), his grandchildren, brother Ross (Ruth), sisters and all his family and friends. The sympathy of the community goes to them during this sad time.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild members were delighted to receive part of the proceeds raised at Edgar Thatcher's *Cabaret Home* to the Highlands during the Christmas holidays. The wonderful donation of $400 will be put to good use at the Outpost Historic House. Many thanks to all who contributed to the cabaret and as a result to the community. We understand that the Essonville Church Committee and the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair Board were also pleased recipients of funds from this event as well.

The Wilberforce Agricultural Society held their general annual meeting last week at the Lloyd Watson Centre. It included a great pot luck dinner as well as a review of their activities in 2005.

We are pleased to hear that Stan Beard is doing well at home after several weeks in hospital in Peterborough. Best wishes, Stan, for a speedy return to good health.

The Highlands Male Chorus will be performing Sunday, Feb. 12 at Northern Lights Pavilion. Photo submitted.

Male chorus wants winter gone

Annual concert planned in Haliburton Feb. 12

The 35-member Highlands Male Chorus will be performing their annual concert on Sunday, February 12, at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton high school at 2:30 p.m.

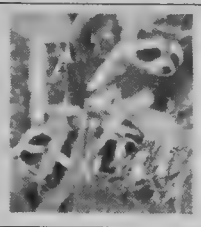
The theme for this year's performance is *Winter Be Gone*.

The chorus has been hard at work rehearsing an eclectic mix of music. Pop classics such as *Only You* by the Platters. *Bring Him Home* from *Les Miserables, Luck be a Lady* from *Guys and Dolls* and Elton John's *Can You Feel the Love Tonight* from *The Lion King* will delight all ages.

In addition, under the direction of Melissa Stephens with accompanist Betty Mills, the chorus will be presenting Rollo Dilworth's *Jonah*, the spirituals *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* and Kirby Shaw's *Sinner Man*. Adapted from J.S. Bach's *Fugue in G Minor* is a delightful arrangement entitled *Cold and Fugue Season*. The group will perform many other songs including the beautiful *Prayer of the Children*.

Tickets are $15 available from Highlands Male Chorus members and also at Pharmasave in Minden and Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton.

Tickets for the annual concert usually sell out very quickly, so get your tickets early and help chase away the February blues.



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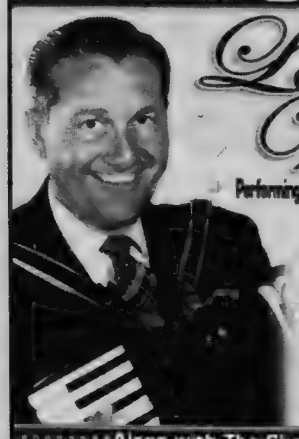

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Weighing the virtues

Partly framed in an antique weigh scale, the paintings of S.W. Austin are examined by interested art fans Holly Hutchison and her son, Joseph Patrick at the Rails End Gallery during the exhibit's official opening with the artist on Saturday, Jan. 7. The show runs until Jan. 31. Admission is voluntary and the gallery is open Friday to Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 4 p.m. The next exhibit, Ice by Fire (Feb. 3), features local artists Terry Craig, Brad Sherwood and Mike Muli. Photo, Steve Galea.

West Guilford's Karl Barry dies at age 85

Once again it is sad news to begin with, the death of Karl Barry, who leaves behind many a friend, extended family, as well as children: Beryl McDiarmid of Lakefield and husband Murray; Bryan and Anna of Eagle Lake; Wayne and Linda of Bobcaygeon; Grenville and Brenda of West Guilford; Sale Toye and husband Wayne of Carnarvon; and Philip and Sharon of West Guilford.

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

From all these people he received love as he himself shared it with those about him all 85 years.

The funeral service on Saturday at Maple Lake United Church on Jan. 14, 2006 followed his death on Jan. 12 at Hyland Crest. The church was packed in tribute to this gentle, kind and fun-loving man. Grenville's daughter-in-law Tracey, wife of Jeff Barry, sang two hymns as part of the service led by the Rev. Max Ward.

Congratulations to Nicole Cooper and Tom Kezis on their Christmas engagement announcement.

Scottish Country Dancers and the Haliburton Pipes-Drums are gearing up for Robbie Burns' Night on Jan. 28. From Grand March to concluding buffet, it is a great family party.

Attention Parents & Grandparents

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June 14, 2005
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Quit smoking with free help

Do you find smoking a hard habit to break? Discover a free program that can help you get on the road to smoke-free living.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and Haliburton Highlands Health Services are teaming up to offer the following program to smokers in Haliburton County:

- What: Smoke-Free Living Program
- When: Starts Thursday, January 19, 7-9 p.m. (Runs for five consecutive weeks)
- Where: Hyland Crest, Fireside Lounge, in Minden
- How to join: Pre-register by calling Sue at 457-1391

The Smoke-Free Living Program brings together a group of smokers who want to quit. Participants can share their experiences so they have the support of others who are also trying to quit. A variety of quit-smoking tips and resources will also be provided.

The program is timed to start during National Non-Smoking Week, which is being marked from January 15-21.

"The timing is perfect to kick your smoking habit and this course can help you enjoy the benefits of smoke-free living," says Sue Shikaze, a health promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit.

Blues concert Jan. 22

Now that the euphoria of the holiday season has worn off, winter in Haliburton can often bring on the blahs, if not the blues. The Haliburton County Folk Society is offering the perfect antidote to the post-Christmas, mid-winter blues with a concert featuring two of Canada's finest blues performers, Rick Fines and Suzie Vinnick, the first of an exciting 2006 concert series.

Rick Fines loves what he does. He's been out on the road playing music for 22 years now. At 41, he is a veteran of the folk and blues circuits in North America. His song Riley Wants His Life Back has just won first place in the blues category of the International Songwriting Competition, with B.B. King as one of the judges. He won the MapleBlues Award for Acoustic Act of the Year twice ('98, '99) and was nominated this year for the third time for MapleBlues Songwriter of the Year, as well as the male vocalist award. His work with Jackson Delta (for 15 years) brought nominations from both the Juno and the Handy Awards. For several years now Rick has taught fingerstyle guitar at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

Suzie Vinnick is an award-winning singer, song writer and musician. A Saskatoon native living in Toronto, Suzie is the owner of a gorgeous, powerful voice and performs with a sweet mixture of engaging candidness and unparalleled musicianship. Her music is roots-based branching out into blues, folk and pop. Suzie was awarded the 2003 Canadian MapleBlues Female Vocalist of the Year, and was nominated again in 2004. Suzie has been featured nationally on CBC Radio on Holger Peterson's show *Saturday Night Blues*, on Stuart McLean's *Vinyl Cafe*, and has performed across Canada and the U.S., and for Canadian peacekeepers in Bosnia and the Persian Gulf.

The concert takes place on Sunday, January 22 at 8 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Tickets are $20 ($18 for students and HCFS members) and are available at the York Street Internet Cafe in Haliburton and Golden Stationers in Minden. For information call 705-457-1174 or e-mail hayward6@sympatico.ca.

Upcoming confirmed concerts include Stephen Fearing on February 25 and David Francey on May 31.

Suzie Vinnick will be performing at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton Jan. 22. She'll be joined by Rick Fines.

A boost

The SIRCH Community Hospice received a financial boost from the Palliative and Bereavement Care Coalition in Haliburton County recently with a $500 donation. The money, raised during the Palliative Care Education Day in October at Hyland Crest, was given to SIRCH Community Hospice at the Access Centre in Haliburton. Following on the heels of the successful, informative education day in October, the Palliative and Bereavement Care Coalition is hosting a similar event in the new year at the Delta Pinestone on March 29. For more information about the SIRCH Community Hospice, visit www.sirch.on.ca and select the community hospice link. Photo, Bryn Weese.

Murder mystery kept them guessing

One of the participants has a new nickname reminiscent of Jerry Lee Lewis

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Mel Smith

Reviews

Friday night's first murder mystery was a great success with approximately 88 people plus the staff trying to figure out who did it.

The evening started off with Dave Burton welcoming everyone and introducing our special guest Zone F5 Commander Kelvin Warren. Dave then honoured Len Crawford and presented him as this year's Legionnaire of the Year. His lovely wife Gladis received a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Vicky Shcherbak was presented with Life Membership by Elois Sommerville.

The evening was turned over to Jeannette Packard who introduced the cast and set the scene. The setting for the four-act show was the Wilberforce Lodge where nine friends were having a reunion to celebrate fond memories and have some good times. Bobby Whitmore gets murdered. Whodunnit? Was it blackmailer Joe Barley (Jack Bartholomew)? Was it Big Bill Bishup (Frank Packard)? Maybe it was King of Spades Peter Simmons (John Graham). Maybe it was Patti Collins (Cindy Hall) who shared a secret with deceased Bobby. Maybe it was Wynter Rewly (John Bower Jr.) who was in love with the deceased Bobby. Better yet it could have been the drunken, whiz kid Michael Roth (Don Fleming). Was it Cynthia Rebel Masters (Stormy Barker) who actually discovered the dead Bobby or was it beauty Queen Foxy Bess Andrews (Hilary Klapow)?

At the end of the evening everyone was surprised to learn it was the Whiz Kid computer design failure Michael Roth alias Don Fleming. His new nickname is Killer.

The meal was excellent and the actors have all been nominated for the Branch 624 Emmy Awards.

Legion Branch 624 will be presenting its annual Robbie Burns Night dinner at the Wilberforce Legion on Saturday, January 28. On January 25 many Scotsmen around the world get together to celebrate the birthday of the most renowned Scottish poet, Robbie Burns. The highlight of any decent Robbie Burns festival consists of bagpipes, the reading of *To a Haggis* and of course hearty helping of haggis, roast beef, neeps and tatties (turnip and potatoes and cauliflower).

Please note the change in date of the annual Pat and Phyllis Gallen Lake Trout Ice Fish Derby, changed from January 21 to February 4. Registration can be done at the Legion before closing time on Feburary 3 or at The Fishes' Lunch Box before 10 a.m. on Feburary 4. Registration fee is $10 per person. Cash prizes for first, second and third.

The four lakes are Wilbermere, Farquar (two lines and no slot size), Grace and Esson (one line and there is a slot size 15.7-21.7 inches). Weigh-in time will be from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Wilberforce Legion. Contact the Wilberforce Legion at 448-2221 or John Sorensen at 448-2738.

Views

Janurary 17 is the general membership meeting at 7 p.m.

February 7 is the executive meeting at 7 p.m.

February 12 is the all-you-can-eat brunch. Cost is $6 for adults, $3 per child and free for children under six.

Lest We Forget

Monday is fun pool night; starting time is 7 p.m.

Wednesday is fun darts, 7 p.m. This is a social night; I have been told that some would like to have new dart players come out, so they might be able to put together a competitive team, to play competitive darts against other Legions.

Thursday is competitive darts, 7 p.m.

Saturday is our weekly meat draw. Normal time is 3 p.m. but on Robbie Burns Day it will start at 1 p.m.

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Entries for the Dorset Snowball Young Writers' and Teens' Short Story and Poetry Contest 2006 are due by January 27. This contest is open to all young writers with four categories: youth (up to age 12) short story up to 500 words; teen (13-19) short story up to 1,200 words; youth (up to age 12) poetry up to 50 lines; and teen (13-19) poetry up to 50 lines.

A $25 prize is available for each category (donated by First Capital Financial – FundEX Investments). Please, no previous contest winning entries or previously published works.

All submissions must have a contact phone number and if possible, email address. Winning entries will be announced at the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival in the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library with writers reading their works from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 18 as a part of the Snowball festivities. An open mike will follow. Submissions should be sent to: Dorset Library, c/o Writer in Residence, Tiina Heathcock, Box 70, Dorset, Ontario, P0A 1E0 or by email to drc@ rianet.on.ca.

Wintry weather ups and downs memorable

From bitter cold to freezing rain and fog, last week sure had it all

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Valerie Smith

Mother Nature has certainly shown her fickle temperament and offered up a smorgasbord for this week's winter weather party.

As I stepped along our backyard trail Sunday morning, the creaking sound of cold, cold snow met my ears and all I could think of was Robert Service's poem *The Cremation of Sam McGee*. The lines, "Talk of your cold! Through the parka's fold it stabbed like a driven nail," were most fitting as Jack Frost nipped my nose and cheeks and ran icy fingers inside my parka.

I thought about how our backyard forest ran a gauntlet of scenes this past week. From a breathtaking, dazzling, forest dressed in snowy white, to swirling, milky, white fog shrouding the forest in mystery. Then the hissing sound of freezing rain filled the forest and laminated the tree branches in layers of glimmering, icy, beauty. This weather was quickly replaced by gusty North Pole winds that stripped the limbs of their icy cover and forced the trees to bow this way, then that, groaning until some, so exhausted, snapped and fell to the hard, cold ground. At night Mother Nature's gaiety continued as she replaced the dark of night with the bright glow of moonlight that chased ebony shadows across the mantle of white snow covering. I am sure everyone would agree it has been an interesting, variety-filled, week in the Highlands of Haliburton. A week that will be well remembered.

Speaking of well-remembered, Wilberforce Legion's First Murder Mystery Night will not be easily forgotten. It was a sell-out crowd that listened carefully to the introduction of waves, footsteps, door creaking, humming, banging, coughing, gurgling and then silence. Who had a motive? As the spectators enjoyed their well-prepared meal the actors played out their parts. Who did it? Well, I had to leave early to get to Harcourt for the pre-teen dance so I guess you will have to find the answer in another column. The Murder Mystery was a novel idea that turned out to be a great success. Kudos to all.

The pre-teen Dance had low attendance; however, the children who came had a great time. A big thank-you to Barclay Gadway for providing the great music and appreciation is also extended to Ed Otto, Doug Knox and Mel Smith for their help. The next pre-teen dance will be held February 10 when Cupid will draw back his bow and let his arrow fly marking our St. Valentine's Dance.

If you have any item of interest to share and you wish to submit it for the next feature of the Harcourt and Community News, please e-mail vsmith.rhapsody@sympatico.ca or call 705-448-3640.

Upcoming events for the Harcourt Community Center:

January 18: bingo Wednesday starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

January 19: progressive euchre Thursday starting at 7:30 p.m. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

February 10: pre-teen dance. Come out and join the fun. Children ages 7-16 welcome. Time: 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost $3. Parents are welcome to stay for the dance.

The Harcourt Community Centre is a smoke-free establishment. Therefore, both the bingo and progressive euchre are smoke-free evenings. Please keep in mind that a break is provided on both nights in order that people might smoke outdoors and not miss out on any of the action these events provide.

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Tammy McKelvey,
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CAO/Clerk
Email: tmckelvey@county.haliburton.on.ca

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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QUALIFICATIONS:

Masters in Health Sciences, or equivalent combination of education and experience.
Recent experience in a community-based mental health program preferred.
Demonstrated clinical expertise in assessment, treatment and consultation in the mental health field.
Three to five years related clinical and/or management experience preferred.
Completion of CHA management courses or equivalent would be an asset.
Demonstrated knowledge of program planning and evaluation.
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Application deadline February 3, 2006.

Reply to:
Courtney MacDonald
Human Resources Consultant
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M1S0
Fax: 705-457-1071
Email: cmacdonald@hhhs.on.ca

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT to the C.E.O.

The HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES (Haliburton and Minden Hospitals) is seeking a dynamic, independent-thinking Executive Assistant with demonstrated commitment to providing high-quality support at the Chief Executive Officer level. The person we are seeking will possess excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to interact well with all levels of staff and the community. The successful candidate will be responsible for coordinating and maintaining effective office procedures, efficient work flows, and relieve the CEO of various administrative details. The person is responsible for scheduling appointments and meetings, sorting incoming mail and documents, researching information and supporting data for meetings. The Executive Assistant attends meetings of the Board of Trustees and Board Committees, prepares and distributes agendas, minutes, and carries out actions resulting from Board decisions.

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Knowledge of relevant legislation and regulations of government and ministry directives and guidelines preferred.
Experience and skills in managing an office environment.
Demonstrated knowledge of office administration skills.
Certification as a Professional Secretary preferred.
Excellent issues management and relationship building skills.
Intermediate keyboarding skills (40 wpm)
Thorough knowledge of office procedures
Excellent working knowledge of Windows, word processing, graphic, spreadsheet and E-mail programs. (MS Word, Power Point, Excel, Outlook)
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Excellent organizational and time management skills to adapt to continually changing priorities.
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Excellent analytical and problem solving skills.
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Reply to:
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All are welcome to attend.
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THE HALIBURTON COUNTY FOLK SOCIETY
2006 CONCERT SERIES
Rick Vines and Suzie Vinnick
Sun, January 22, 2006
8:00 p.m.
Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Tickets $20 ($18 for HCFS members)
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presents
WINTER BE GONE!
at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Sunday, Feb. 12th, 2006
at 2:30 p.m.
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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
and others
In the Estate of
PATRICIA JEAN FURNEAUX,
late of 5468 Loop Road, Highland Grove, Ontario in the County of Haliburton, in the Province of Ontario.
All persons having claims against the estate of PATRICIA JEAN FURNEAUX, who died on the 16th day of September, 2005, are required to file proof of same with the undersigned solicitor on or before January 26, 2006. After such last mentioned date, the Estate Trustee will proceed to distribute the estate having regard only to the claims which she then shall have notice.
DATED at Bancroft, Ontario this 5th day of January, 2006.
William Russell Hemphill, Estate Trustee with a Will by her solicitor, ROBERT C. HENDERSON, P.O. Box 225, Bancroft, Ontario K0L 1C0.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN FRANCES ROBERTSON, deceased.
All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of MARILYN FRANCES ROBERTSON, late of the township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 27th day of December, 2005, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 15th day of February, 2006.
AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate being Allan Robertson, shall have notice.
DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 10th day of January, 2006 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Marilyn Frances Robertson.
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450 IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our Dad...
"Donald Bradley Fenney"
whom God called to heaven four years ago...
on January 12, 2002.
As each day passes we miss our Dad more and more.
We know he is looking down on us and smiling.
We know he is in a good place now. Some day, when we see him again in Heaven... we will give him a big hug and a kiss.
We miss our Dad very much!
Love lots,
McKenna & Maddison
written by Maddison Fenney

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450 IN MEMORIAM

MATHEWS, ROBBIN LEE – In loving memory of our daughter, June 5/59 - Jan. 19/03.
God keep your arms around her
Keep her in your care
Make up for all she suffered
And all that was unfair
From our happy home and circle
God has taken one we love
She is borne from sin and sorrow
To a nobler rest above
No one knows how much we miss her
None but aching hearts can tell
Lost on earth but found in heaven
Jesus doeth all things well
We who loved you miss you.
Dad and Mom.

460 OBITUARIES

AUSTIN, BARRY DAVID – Passed away peacefully, with his wife by his side, on January 7, 2006 at the Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton at the age of 63. Beloved husband of Doris Austin. Father of Wendy and her husband Dan and their children, and his son David. Survived by his brother Noel and his wife Eleanore, and their children Jeff and Andrea. Also missed by Mom and Dad Fleckenstein. A memorial service to be held at a later date in Haliburton, to bring Barry back to where he loved, the North, and his roots.

AT REST
FRANCES SHAVER
Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, January 13, 2006.
At the age of 78.
Beloved wife of Walter, dear mother of Thora Fideau, Dannyboy Shaver and Terry Anthony Shaver. Loving grandmother of many grandchildren and great grandchildren. A Private Family Service was held. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 or online at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)
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AT REST
KARL VERNON BARRY
Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Thursday, January 12, 2006.
At the age of 85.
Beloved husband of the late Eileen (nee Harrison), dear father of Beryl (Murray) McDiarmid of Lakefield, Bryan (Anna) of Eagle Lake, Wayne (Linda) of Bobcaygeon, Grenville (Brenda) of West Guilford, Dale (Wayne) Toye of Carnarvon, Philip (Sharon) of West Guilford. Loving grandfather of 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, and predeceased by brother Murray, and sisters Muriel Pritchard, and Doreen Samells, Brother-in-law of Helen Barry, Gord Samells, Yvonne Penney, fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden or online at (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to Maple Lake United Church for Funeral Service on Saturday, January 14, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. Reception followed downstairs. Spring Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Maple Lake United Church or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.
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AT REST
ROBERT WILLIAM BALLE
Passed away suddenly at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie on Wednesday, January 11, 2006.
In his 80th year.
Beloved husband of the late Anna (nee Hiebert), dear father of Peggy Stoddart (predeceased), John (Angela) of West Guilford, Robert (Kerri) of Toronto. Dear grandfather of Jaime and Jennell. In accordance to Robert's wishes, his body has been donated to science and there will be no service. Memorial donations to the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1–888) 588–5777 or online at (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com.)
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RIMMER, MARJORIE ANN (nee Ashton) – (1921-2006) Peacefully at Cambridge Memorial Hospital surrounded by family members on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 in her 85th year. Beloved wife of William Rimmer for 60 years. Loving mother of Jacqueline (Mrs. Keith Clarkson) of New Jersey, Jeff (Pam) of Newmarket, Natalie (Mrs. Chris Hempstead) of Courtice, and Greg of Erin. Devoted Grandmother to Elaine, Sharon, Jeffrey, Kent, Eric, Elisabeth and all her granddogs. Dear sister of Ralph (Louise) Ashton and family of Powell River, B.C. Marjorie was known for her exemplary work with volunteer organizations including the Boy Scouts of Canada, Nursing Veteran at CFB Borden WWII, hospital auxiliaries in Mississauga and Cambridge (Past President Cambridge Memorial Hospital Auxiliary) and Children with Disabilities. A special thanks to the doctors and medical staff from the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Medical Day Care and Oncology Department. Our sincere gratitude to the Community Care Access Centre of Waterloo Regional and especially to Abby, Ruth and Gladys. A Celebration of Marjorie's life will be held at Trinity Anglican Church, 12 Blair Road, Cambridge on Monday, January 16, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. D.V. MacDonald officiating. Interment later St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation. Oncology Medical Day Care, 700 Coronation Boulevard, Cambridge, Ontario N1R 3G2, would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457–9209.
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SEARS, HAZEL WILHELMINE – Peacefully surrounded by her family at the Meadows Longterm Care Facility on January 12, 2006 in her 96th year. Loving wife of the late Harold. Beloved mother of William and Norma. Treasured grandmother and cherished great-grandmother of many. She will be forever loved and remembered by all her family and friends. Family and friends will be received at MARKEY-DERMODY FUNERAL HOME, 1774 King Street East (at Kenilworth) on Saturday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service to be held in the Chapel on Sunday at 3 p.m. Interment in Paint Lake, Ontario at a later date.
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INCOME PROPERTY HALIBURTON VILLAGE

$419,000

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PRIVACY ON REDSTONE LAKE

$795,000

This unique property set back in total priv. on quiet bay of famous Redstone, boasts 33.33 acres w/200' frntge. on lk. & approx. 800' on river, yr. rnd. w/34/7 sounds of w/fall. This arch. designed home has nearly 4000 sq.ft. of living space, incl. an amazing kit., 3 full baths, 3 bdrms., 360 degree wraparound cov. deck & many extras.

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Linda Baumgartner*
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HALIBURTON ACREAGE

27.23 rolling acres with a mixture of trees and hardwood bush. Fronting on a year round road only 15 minutes from the town of Haliburton. Driveway in, hydro and telephone nearby.

ASKING **$30,000**

REDSTONE LAKE

180 feet of frontage on one of Haliburton's nicest lakes. 1.61 acres, gently sloping, North/West exposure, excellent privacy, rock & sand shoreline and big lake view.

ASKING **$169,000**

Bill Kulas*
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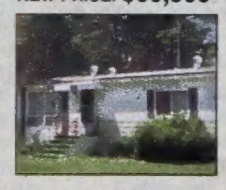
HUNTER CREEK HOME

NEW PRICE! **$69,500**

Retirement living at its finest in beautiful Hunter Creek Estates. This adult only comm. is situated S. of Minden. Very well kept 2 bdrm. home features an att. sunrm., lge. kit., det. garage w/paved drive & more. Level, landscaped lot. Imm. poss. Call Bill Kulas today to more details.



GULL RIVER - MINDEN

ASKING **$159,500**

Miles of boating pleasure on the beautiful Gull River - Gull Lake system. This winterized cottage with year round access features an open concept design w/large deck, guest bunkie, large storage shed & private boat launch. Great privacy with 200 ft. of waterfront. Call Bill Kulas at 286-2911, Ext. 44

Ken Barry** & Deb Deremo*
457-1011
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AFFORDABLE LAKESIDE LIVING

$164,900

Great starter home/cott. w/beautiful hilltop view over Negaunee Lk. Property offers plenty of priv. off a yr. rnd. mun. rd. & 112' of good shoreline on this picturesque no-motor lake.. if you like big lake boating, you're only 1 km to Miskwabi Lk. boat acc. giving you best of both worlds. Fully winterized 3 bdrm.,4 bath, open living areas, S. facing deck.

BUILDING LOTS

Two building lots within five minutes of Haliburton Village, off year round municipal road. Mature mixed forest, privacy, two acre parcels.

$19,900. each.

(price is subject to GST)

Cathy Lancia*
754-4242

REDSTONE LAKE

$495,700

New contemporary cottage on Redstone Lake. Screened porch, many windows offer natural light. 1,850 sq. ft. finished in pine & hickory including kitchen & hardwood floors. Master ensuite, jacuzzi, cedar cathedral ceilings, stone FP, drilled well, forced air heat. Full basement is partitioned, with a w/o to waterfront path. GST must be added, making it the best new package on Redstone Lake under $600,000.

BIG REDSTONE LAKE

$599,700

New cottage/home on Big Redstone Lake (Picadilly Bay). Framed with latest technology using insulated concrete foundation. Sided in pine, this multi-level beauty will be ready in 2-3 months. 200 amp, winterized water, UV system, HRV air exchanger, propane furnace with on demand hot water system. Stone FP on main floor, woodstove in unfinished w/o basement. Pine great room.

Geoff Bunn* & Miranda Newman*
457-1011
ext. 242

176 ACRE RETREAT

$599,000

Located minutes from the town of Haliburton. This 3 bedroom home/cottage sits close to the shoreline of Bonham Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm w/wood interior & cathedral ceilings. For more information call Geoff Bunn.

Rick Lowes*
286-2911
ext. 47

12 MILE LAKE WATERFRONT

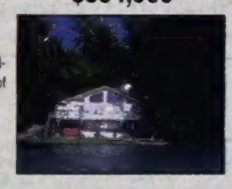
Level, private and beautiful sand beach, good building site. Miles of boating, great fishing and swimming. CALL NOW.

$199,900

KUSHOG LAKE NEW PRICE!

$354,900

Custom built executive 3 bedroom cottage / home. Loads of extras includes, bass boat, paddle boat and ski boat. CALL NOW!



Fred Chapple*
286-2911
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SWEET & COZY

$159,500

Older home, 2 bdrm, family kitchen, lots of windows, level lot, all on oak floor. Nice workshop. Older metal septic tank, but still operational.

A GREAT RENTAL OPPORTUNITY

$124,900

Here is your chance to own a home which boasts "old-world charm". 4 bedrooms + lots of room to roam. Has commercial C-1 zoning – start your own home business.

Karen Nimigon*
457-1011
ext. 224

SIR SAM'S SKI AREA – ANGEL ROAD

Terrific Building Lot ideal for ski chalet or year round home, just minutes to the Ski hill, public beach & boat launch on Eagle Lake, plus local amenities and golf. Nicely treed lot with good privacy and building areas. Great Neighbourhod! Year Round Road.

Victor Disik*
286-2911
ext. 45

DUCK LAKE ROAD

Wow! Only minutes to golfing, skiing, snowmobiling, boating, swimming & fishing. This 3 bdrm home is nestled esthetically into a 5 acre lot close to Minden. A circular staircase sweeps from the lower, to the main & to the upper level. From the kitchen you can walk out to your balcony & enjoy your morning coffee or relax in a bright cozy living room. For viewing ask for Victor Disik.

$279,000

SOUTH LAKE

$269,000

This year round cottage/home is about 2 hours to Toronto & only minutes to Minden. A very large kitchen makes entertaining enjoyable. The 3 bdrms are a good size in this 1200 sq ft home. Close to skiing, snowmobile trails & more. This Lake boasts very good bass fishing. Come see for yourself. Ask for Victor Disik.

Elizabeth Thompson*
457-1011
ext. 248

CENTURY FARMHOUSE

$219,000

Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green Lake, a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has loads of character. Enjoy the breeze & lake view from the front porch swing. Upgrades in recent years. Lrg loft area can be made into a studio or master suite. New drilled well in 2002. Reshingled in 1997. Call Elizabeth.

Vince Duchene**
457-1011
ext. 225

Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished rec room with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!

$139,900

Ted Vasey*
457-1011
ext. 223

INGOLDSBY

NOW $169,000

Well maintained 1800 sq ft bungalow. Modern oak kitchen w/island, w/o kitchen to rear deck, new cedar bath with jacuzzi tub, 3 bdrms, main floor laundry & new roof, new drilled well, close to lake access.

BOSHKUNG LAKE

ASKING $349,000

Spectacular view from this 3 bdrm cottage. Country kitchen with a lake view, open concept living room, w/o LR to deck, perimeter foundation, modern septic, natural rock lot. Western view.

Lenor Fulton *
Tracy Ackerblade*
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RAVINE ROAD, MINDEN

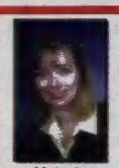
This two bedroom raised bungalow Royal Home with a full walkout basement is situated a short distance south of Minden on a very private 95 acres property. Nicely treed acreage with trails throughout. large deck, modern propane furnace recently installed, spacious eat-in kitchen. Ideal country retreat!!

$249,500

SWINSON ROAD

ASKING $124,900

Ideal starter or investment/rental home. Situated just off County Road #121, this 3 bdrm bungalow features open concept Kit & dining area, main floor family room & office/den. Nestled on nicely treed and private 3 acre lot, this home is presently vacant and available for immediate possession.



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2911
ext. 40

DAVIS LAKE ROAD

Two lots (6.9 acres and 6.1 acres) on year round Township road with hydro at lot line and backing onto crown land. Call Melanie for details.

$17,500/each

Linda Beachli***
457-1011
ext. 227

CUL-DE-SAC

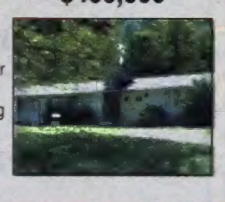
Park-like setting on a beautiful lot with small pond, wildflowers, mature spruce & birch trees. Extensively renovated 3 bdrm. fam. home on quiet street, close to schools and hospital. Finished level basement apartment for in-law suite or rental income.

$209,900

COUNTY ROAD 1

$400,000

7 acres with 1400 sq. ft., 3 bedroom home with a finished basement, double car garage and beautiful fireplace. Special mixed zoning use. Opposite hospital and schools.

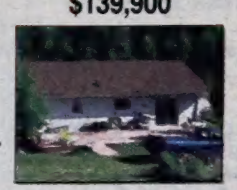


Peter Brady**
457-1011
ext. 234

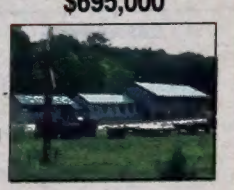
TORY HILL

$139,900

Bright, sunny family home with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, large family room with woodstove. Screened in porch, deck on front and back.



COMMERCIAL

$695,000

Tremendous location on the corner of Hwy. 35, just south of Minden. Buildings consist of Office Administration and two separate Shops. Additional M-1 zoned lot and 2nd C-1 zoned lot with 595' on Hwy. 35.